



## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone generally steady beginning the week. Demand was light to good, usually moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to at times close for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to short for a light to good demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand ranged light to good, but was usually moderate to at times good. Loose egg sales were light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times close for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate, instances good. Offerings were tight to inadequate. Floor stocks were short to adequate. Schedules were full time to reduced. Trade sentiment steady. **RANGE** **MOSTLY** **IA-MN-WI**-Prices paid to producers

ment steady.	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>	<b>IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.</b>	
EXTRA LARGE	63-72	66-69	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
LARGE	62-71	64-67	<b>LARGE</b>	44-53 48
MEDIUM	38-47	40-43	<b>MEDIUM</b>	20-26 24
			<b>SMALL</b>	7-11

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment entering the week was mostly steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the fair, but unaggressive demand. Light type hen offerings were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	72-76
LARGE	65-79	70-74
MEDIUM	40-53	45-47

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA. and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was usually moderate to instances good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate, instances good. Offerings were tight to inadequate. Floor stocks were short to adequate. Schedules were full time to reduced. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	72.5-80	74-77
LARGE	71.5-80	73-76
MEDIUM	46.5-55	48-51

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was usually steady beginning the week. Retail demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to at times closely balanced for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were limited for a fair to good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	62.25-79	73-76
LARGE	59.25-77	71-74
MEDIUM	42.25-51	44-48

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A,  
WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS. DELIVERED STORE DOOR. CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to good. Supplies were sufficient for present trade requirements.

	<b>RANGE</b>
EXTRA LARGE	79-83
LARGE	77-81
MEDIUM	52-56

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	70-78	71-73
LARGE	68-76	69-71
MEDIUM	44-52	45-47

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices 3 cents higher on jumbo, 4 cents higher on extra large, 4-5 cents higher on large, and 3-4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 15% higher than last Monday with California up 11% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 21%. Retailer demand light to moderate and competition was fierce. Offerings adequate to ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 3 cents higher on jumbo, 4 cents higher on extra large, 5 cents higher on large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 11% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Competition remained active. Offerings adequate to ample. Small benchmark price 65.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	120
EXTRA LARGE	115
LARGE	109
MEDIUM	85

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA,  
USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS  
PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-329	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	199-249	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-239	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 17, 2006 will increase by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 10, 2006 were 292,083 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	249,579	42,504	292,083

% change from the prior week.....	+5	+9	+5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate, instances good while offerings were tight to inadequate. Some breakers had reduced schedules due to lack of available breaking stock while the remainder of breakers were working from company owned production and regular commitments. Floor stocks short to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-30	28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-19	15-17

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate at best for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.25	12-13	12.57
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate numbers of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.25	11-13	12.39

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - JAN 17, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	SO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.0	20.6	9.5	12.5	13.5	66.1
	Change	0.2	0.1	2.1	0.0	2.8	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.0	47.8	10.1	29.6	46.5	156.0
	Change	-1.3	-7.1	2.2	7.7	5.7	5%
Large	Curr Wk	37.3	137.7	76.3	104.4	138.9	494.6
	Change	4.1	5.5	9.4	24.1	28.9	17%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.0	56.6	23.0	19.4	30.1	141.1
	Change	-1.2	-9.0	4.4	1.7	-1.4	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	6.6	12.4	3.8	5.0	4.9	32.7
	Change	0.3	-1.3	-2.3	-2.7	-0.4	-16%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	22.9	11.2	10.7	5.1	52.8
	Change	-0.1	-16.2	0.7	0.3	-0.2	-23%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.5	49.1	25.2	24.5	27.2	146.5
	Change	1.3	-5.4	4.4	-3.5	-1.0	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	111.3	347.1	159.1	206.1	266.2	1,089.8
Percent	Change	3%	-9%	15%	15%	15%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,089.8	5%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	214.5	0%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,304.3	4%	203
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

## CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2006.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.17

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 10, 2006

CURRENT LOADS 23.75								FUTURE LOADS 10.00		TOTAL LOADS 33.75						
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	48.50	—	49.00	51.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	65.88	2.00	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	52.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	58.00	—	61.00	—	60.20	8.75	
GL W XL	—	—	60.75	60.33	48.05	50.50	11.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	61.14	5.50	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	48.00	54.00	9.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	.25	
GL W MD	—	37.00	—	—	33.40	35.00	3.25	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GL W SM	—	—	21.00	23.00	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	17.00	18.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00									

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/06/06-03/10/06

CURRENT LOADS 97.25								FUTURE LOADS 122.50		TOTAL LOADS 219.75						
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	46.83	55.50	47.17	49.11	—	48.75	90.00	GNR W 1	—	58.00	—	67.75	—	—	33.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00	GNR W 2	—	51.33	—	—	—	—	6.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	30.00	24.75	—	2.00	GL W J	57.80	—	—	—	—	64.50	7.50	
GNR BR 1	86.00	—	—	92.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	57.55	—	61.00	—	62.03	15.00	
GL W J	—	—	63.00	65.00	51.40	—	6.00	GL W LG	—	64.04	—	71.32	—	62.03	45.75	
GL W XL	—	65.05	59.42	61.39	49.41	54.00	52.75	GL W MD	35.00	38.33	—	41.00	—	38.74	11.00	
GL W LG	—	63.96	56.75	61.60	48.99	52.50	64.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	71.67	—	—	2.25	
GL W MD	—	39.14	33.32	35.14	29.20	34.50	24.25	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00	
GL W SM	—	—	22.87	24.60	20.00	23.00	9.00	NRBS - 39	17.00	18.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	58.00	—	2.25									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	27.50	6.00									
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/06/06	02/27/06	03/07/05
PACIFIC COAST	86	107	368
LOS ANGELES	84	105	358

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is higher on extra large, large and medium. Steady on small. Supplies are well balanced on larger sizes. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	89.86
LARGE	87.86
MEDIUM	61.86
SMALL	48.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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